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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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A DAY AT SAINTS



Bishop Ford leads the saints, students and guests in a cheer, "Saints is reopened and we are glad!"

Lexington, MS. Now the many trips to Saints Academy will be less frequent for Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford. The tremendous effort to plan, build and dedicate the Deborah Mason Patterson Building proved to be successful. What is more miraculous was the subsequent reopening of the Saints Academy and College. On September 14, 1993, the academy reopened its doors for the first time in over a decade. The students ranged from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Now the campus is again rich with the sound of laughter of children and the intense effort to fine-tune young minds.

Bishop Ford and a few friends came back to the campus to spend a day. Elder William Dean, Interim President ,welcomed the presiding officer, general board members, Bishop P.A. Brooks and Bishop G.E. Patterson, and Chairman of the Board of Bishops, Bishop J.H. Sherman. Assembled with these top officials were Publishing Board President, Bishop Norman Quick, Bishop T.T. Scott, Bishop Hollis Musgrow, Bishop David Houston, Chairman of the Education Committee and Dr. David Hall, Editor of *The Whole Truth* Newspaper. This group walked the campus, entered the class rooms, and experienced a day with the faculty, staff and children of Saints Academy. What the group witnessed was the day to day business of providing sound and vital education to the students. Elder Dean informed the group that current enrollment is 165 students. There are five seniors enrolled and Saints will conduct its first commencement exercises this Spring.

The children were busy at work, dressed in blue and white uniforms; the on lookers could sense the discipline and purpose behind the effort. The site was encouraging to two former students of Saints, Mother Margaret C. Walton, who was actually the first student ever enrolled at Saints, and Sister Earline Hart, the newly elected Holmes County Circuit Clerk, were on hand to visit the campus.

The faculty and staff were busy at work and have everything in prime order. The students are being educated at Saints for tomorrows careers and professions today. The teachers , who represent a gathering of persons from near and far, are a collection of special individuals who possess a pioneering spirit. The outstanding reputation of Elder Dean prompted some local teachers to come out of retirement and teach for Saints. Many of these are merit teachers of great accomplishment. Others have migrated from places like Detroit and Chicago, stating their past experience with Saints helped them decide to move back. They all share a sense of mission and ministry to youth education.

As the visiting group started the tour of the grounds, it was enlarged by the coming of many local county officials. Venturing in, the group witnessed well decorated class rooms with teachers busy instructing the students. When the group entered the rooms the children knew the inevitable break was coming. Their faces lit up with smiles of greetings. The group responded and spoke with individual students. The visitation was simply great. The children had their work displayed on the walls and were eager to show off the progress they were making with reading, writing and arithmetic.

Bishop Ford gathered the visiting saints and friends in Faith Hall. It was delightful and impressive to see and hear the youth giving tribute to the visitors. Elder Paul Jackson prepared some spe-



Bishop Ford addresses students with bull horn.

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FROM: GENERAL SECRETARY

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, from the Office of the General Secretary. We trust that you are rejoicing in His salvation and resting in His great Love.

The season has swiftly approached when the Saints of God will come together in Memphis, Tennessee for our annual Holy Convocation. The Convocation for this year will commence on November 9th and conclude on November 16th. It is always a tremendous pleasure to gather collectively and rejoice and give thanks to God for one more year of great success for the Church Of God In Christ.

The financial support for our school in Lexington, MS., and the various other programs and responsibilities, which the Lord has placed on the shoulders of our Presiding Bishop L.H. Ford, has been outstanding, therefore, we encourage you to continue in the spirit of giving. We trust that you will come prepared to present a generous Founders's Day offering in remembrance of our Great Founding Father, Bishop C.H. Mason.

A reminder to all Jurisdictional Secretaries, the deadline for completing and returning all Master Sheets to the General Secretary's Office is October 29, 1993. If you do not meet this deadline, it will be necessary for you to report to the designated General Secretary's Office during the Convocation and surrender your Master Sheets at that time. However, we urge you to submit your sheets in a timely manner to avoid any unnecessary delays in the registration process affording the opportunity to register in this years Convocation. Attendees will receive a Souvenir Journal and a Picture Badge for their paid registration.

The Convocation Registration Schedule is as follows:

November 8	closed	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
November 9-13	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
November 14	closed	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
November 15	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
November 16	closed	

Our vision in the Office of the General Secretary is to be available and to serve you, as we journey together in the name of the Lord, on one accord, and endeavoring to do God's will. Therefore, come praying that we, the Church Of God In Christ, will be lead of the Holy Spirit, giving all the glory to God. We pray that the Lord will bless you and grant you safe travel.

Bishop W.W. Hamilton
General Secretary

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AMERICANS SEND MIXED MESSAGES ON PRIVACY ISSUES

BY
BARNA RESEARCH GROUP, LTD.

One of the hottest areas of contention among Americans is in the realm of public policy issues involving personal freedom and privacy. But far from taking a universal stand "for" or "against" personal privacy and liberty, Americans display a wide range of opinions, from solid support from some social legislation limiting personal liberty to solid opposition to other social legislation that limits it, a new Barna Research Group poll has found. Some 69% of Americans support barring businesses from distributing or selling information about their customers to others without the permission of those customers, and 58% favor allowing adults to die by taking lethal drugs if they choose to do so because of physical impairment or suffering. However, only 44% support the idea of prohibiting magazines and movies from portraying pornographic or sexually explicit images; only 42% favor initiating a system of "divorce on demand' where married couples could get divorces simply by filling notarized papers, without going through the court system; and just 29% of Americans favor legalizing marriage between adults of the same sex.

"While Americans usually agree with general statements about personal privacy or traditional values abound, only a few Americans are philosophically consistent about applying these values when they are presented with a range of concrete proposals," said George Barna, president of Barna Research Group, Ltd. "Americans evidently take a wide variety of factors into consideration when they evaluate legislation that affects personal liberty, whether it is their own freedom at stake or that of others."

Where Americans Differ

The complexity of this decision making process shows itself in the fact that different demographic groups can arrive at very different conclusions about the same question. Women, on average, are more sympathetic that men (34% to 23%) to the idea of allowing homosexuals to marry each other, but less inclined (35% to 49%) to favor divorce on demand, and more ready to prohibit movies and magazines from showing explicit images (50% to 38%). Married people have different opinions than singles; married couples are more positive about legal euthanasia than singles (67% compared to 52%), colder toward legalizing gay marriage (24% compared to 36%), and readier to ban explicit material (49% compared to 37%).

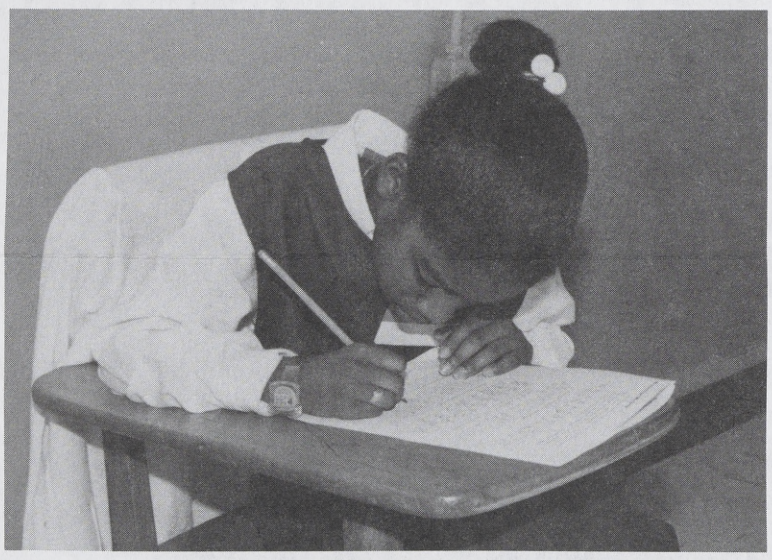
Age can make a difference, too. Only 11% of senior citizens (ages 67 and over) favor marriages between homosexuals, but 42% of Baby Busters (ages 18-26) favor allowing such unions.

While no more than 38% of members of other age groups would like to see sexually explicit images outlawed, 63% of people aged 48 to 66 - the last generation before the Baby Boom - agree.

Both people who earn more than $50,000 a year and college graduates are much happier at the prospect of no longer receiving junk communication (79% would like to see businesses unable to buy information from other businesses without permission) than are people who earn less than $25,000 per year and people who have no education beyond high school. College graduates are also more hesitant to censor explicit images (only 32% favor such action) than are people with only high school experience (46% of whom favor such action). And suburban-dwellers are particularly likely (92%) to support euthanasia for suffering or impaired people much more likely than urban dwellers (66%).

Party registration has some predictable effects, as well as some surprising ones. One-half of all Democrats are in favor of divorce on demand, compared to only 28% of Republicans, and 33% of Democrats favor legalized marriages between homosexuals, compared to only 13% of Republicans. But registered Independents are even more likely (41%) to favor allowing gay marriages, and more likely than people registered with either major party to want to prohibit businesses from sharing information about consumers without their permission (79%). Unregistered voters, on the other hand, are less likely to offer opinions at all and more likely than registered voters to say they do not know whether they favor or oppose proposals.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



This little lady is hard at work.

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Office of the Presiding Bishop



Dear Saints:

Greetings in the name of Christ!

I use this means to welcome you to the 86th session of our Holy Convocation. Over the decades, we have been blessed with good fellowship, inspiring worship service and enlightening seminars. I pray this year's activities will likewise bless you.

As I reflect on the past four years, we have so much to thank God for. Our last job, the re-opening of Saints College will be the cornerstone of our labours. None of this would have been possible without you. I thank you from the depth of my heart.

As we move toward the next century, let us work diligently to assure that we have a part in the shaping of our homes, communities and the world. We can do so by encouraging men everywhere to "Return to the Bible, God's Holy Word."

Yours in Christ,

L. H. Ford
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THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR BISHOP BENNIE EARL GOODWIN PRELATE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST FIFTH ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION OF ILLINOIS



Bennie Earl Goodwin, son of the late William and Patsy Goodwin, was born December 4, 1908, in Fordyce, Arkansas. In 1922, at the age of 14, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Ten years later, in 1932, Brother Goodwin gave heed to the voice of God and accepted his calling to the ministry.

In 1931, he was united in holy matrimony to Odessa Christopher, whose union to her ended at her demise after fifty two years of marriage. To this union seven children were born. At the time of his death he was married to the lovely Naomi Jackson Goodwin.

He began his pastoral ministry in 1935, at the Church Of God In Christ, Kankakee, Illinois. In 1936, he was appointed pastor of the Church Of God In Christ No. 2 (later named Portland Street) in Chicago Heights Illinois. In 1951, he was appointed pastor of Argo Temple Church Of God In Christ after the death of his brother, James Goodwin.

Minister Goodwin was ordained an elder in the Church Of God In Christ in 1937, at the hand of the late Bishop William Roberts. As his ministry grew, Elder Goodwin was appointed to several positions in the Church Of God In Christ in Illinois. Of note his ministry included: State Sunday School Superintendent, Northern Illinois Jurisdiction; General Superintendent, New Philadelphia District; Second Administrative Assistant, First Administrative Assistant and Chief Administrator, Fifth Illinois Jurisdiction. In June 1984, he was consecrated to the sacred office of Bishop and was appointed Jurisdictional Prelate of the Fifth Illinois Jurisdiction.

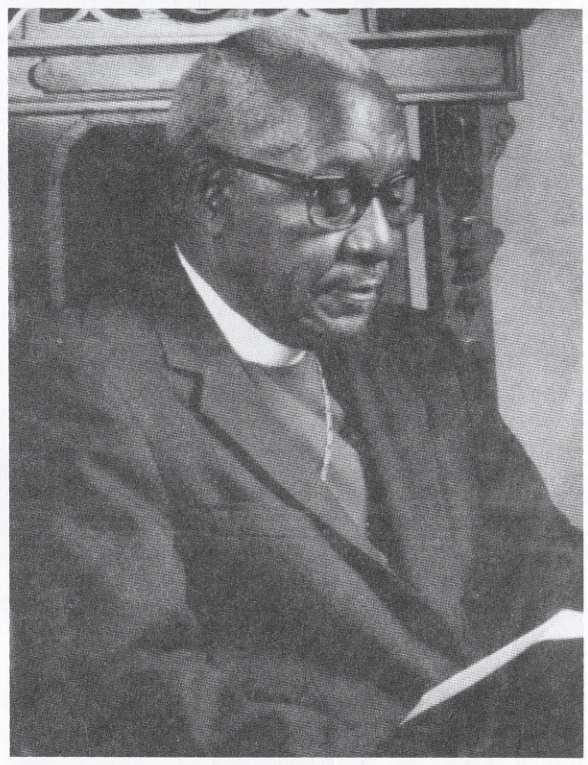
Bishop Goodwin was an ardent supporter of foreign missions. In 1963, he assisted the late Bishop Bennett in establishing new primary and secondary schools and teacher training programs in Bolize, Honduras. Also in the same year, he provided funds for the construction of a nutrition center, housing units for the poor, built to support the Odessa Goodwin Christian School in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

He was a distinguished builder. As a monument to his work of faith and labor of love, the Portland Street Church Of God In Christ and the Argo Temple Church Of God In Christ both stand today. All mortgages are paid on both churches. He also constructed and burned the mortgage on the Odessa Goodwin Christian School in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Bishop Goodwin was the recipient of the "Minister of the Year of Northern Illinois" award by the Religious Worker's Guild. He was a committed member for the Board of Bishops.

On September 14, 1993, after a brief illness, the final chapter in the Book of Life for Bishop Bennie Earl Goodwin was completed.

F.D. MACKLIN RITES



Memphis, TN. Bishop F.D. Macklin, Prelate Emeritus of Tennessee Headquarters Jurisdiction was remembered as a "Brave Soldier" by both Family and friends. Frederick Douglas Macklin was born September 15, 1914, in Tipton County, Tennessee to the late Mr. Robert and Mrs. Margaret Smith Macklin, Sr. He was educated in Tipton County Public schools and Washington Bible College, Washington D.C.

His life was devoted to ministry and he received his license to preach in 1932. He was ordained by Bishop A.B. McEwen, Sr. in 1940. From that time on he served faithfully the ministry and the cause of Christ which he loved. His first pastorate was the Tipton Church Of God In Christ, then the Rosemark Church Of God In Christ and finally the Homeland Church Of God In Christ in 1958. It was at Homeland that Bishop made his

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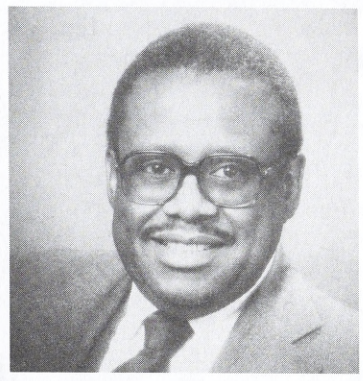
real mark. He was a solid pastor who loved people and was devoted to his ministry, as well as the organization duties given through the Church Of God In Christ.

A great part of his life and ministry was Mother Irene "Dear" Macklin, his wife of fifty six years. Together they shared a happy life and a blessed home. Inputing the righteousness of God to their large and close family was always paramount. Having four daughters and five sons made for a lovely home. Mother Macklin passed away in June 3, 1993, leaving bishop and the family.

Known as a "Father," Bishop Macklin was sought after as a giver of wisdom and a soldier of peace. After the resignation of the late Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr., as prelate of the Headquarters Jurisdiction, Bishop Macklin was appointed and consecrated October 9, 1981. He served faithfully until receiving orders for this emeritus status, due to health reasons. Even as Emeritus Prelate he was yet a valued counselor and a symbol of saintly authority.

On September 25, 1993, the man people knew as a "Soldier of Peach" was honorably discharged from earthly service to heavenly rest. He leaves three of four daughters, Wauline Huff, Deborah Tasker, Beverly McNeal and Georgia Macklin; five sons, Floyde Macklin, Elder Billy Macklin, Fred Macklin, Jr., Bobby Joe Macklin and Elder Douglas Macklin; one sister, Mrs. Patsy Macklin; one sister in law, Mrs. Everlener Robinson; two brothers in law, Elder A.L. Blayde and Mr. James O. Robinson; thirteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

ITC HONORS ITS PRESIDENT FOR 10 YEARS OF PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP



Atlanta, GA - On October 7, 1993, Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) honored its fifth president, Dr. James H. Costen, for 10 years of presidential leadership. The celebration dinner was planned for the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in College Park.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Costen received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Master of Theology was earned at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, where he was their first black student. Dr. Costen has received six honorary degrees.

He began his ministry in Rocky Mount, NC, and served the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church for 10 years. In 1965, he was called to Atlanta to become the organizing pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Master. During his five year tenure there, the interracial membership grew to nearly 200. Dr. Costen came to ITC in 1969 as dean of Johnson C. Smith Seminary, the Presbyterian constituent of ITC, a position he held for 14 years. From there he was elected president of ITC.

The Board of Trustees decided last year that special recognition should be given to Dr. Costen for his exemplary leadership at ITC. The institution has progressed from a school hardly known by foundations and other contributors, to become one of the top 10 seminaries in the country receiving foundation support. When Dr. Costen became president in 1983, enrollment was slightly over 300; now there are over 400 men and women preparing for leadership predominantly in the African American Community. Dr. Costen is known as a visionary. Under his leadership, several programs and areas have been established at ITC: the Office of Institutional Advancement, which is responsible for the fund raising, alumni relations and public relations of the institution; the Institute of Church Administration and Management, established to assist pastors and laypersons in the fiscal management of the church; the Extension Education Program, a continuing education vehicle, that began with three sites around the country in 1990 and now stands at more than 30; and the Mission Resource Center, a United Methodist missionary training center established in cooperation with Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

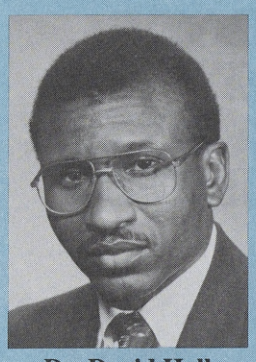
Also, since Dr. Costen became president, ITC has ended each fiscal year without a deficit, endowment has increased to $7.5 million, faculty salaries are now at a competitive level, and the degree, Master of Arts in Church Music, has been added to the curriculum.

One of his visions is now underway: the Lifelong Education Center. The $3.5 million Center will house classrooms, offices, guest quarters, seminars and meeting space. The building is expected to be completed by the spring.

Interdenominational Theological Center is a graduate, professional school for theology and is comprised of six seminaries, each with a different denominational affiliation. It is one of five UNCF schools within the Atlanta University Center complex. Mason Theological Seminary is a member school.

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EDITORIAL
A TASTE FOR SAINTS ACADEMY



Dr. David Hall

Saints Academy is reopened for the education for future leaders. During late September, an official revisit to campus was made by Presiding Bishop Ford and guests. I had the opportunity to walk the grounds and examine the operation of the school before the others arrived. It was a hot September day and I walked the campus checking the buildings and the classes. This walk-about made me somewhat hungry and thirsty. I needed to replenish my body with fuel in order to sustain myself through the upcoming walk with Bishop. Bishop Ford is notorious for walking younger men into the ground. God has blessed him with an unusual vitality. On my way to my car I noticed the school children marching in single file. They were on their way to lunch in the multi-purpose building. I thought "this might have possibilities!"

I went downstairs into the kitchen and introduced myself to the kitchen crew. The Food Service Director and her staff were friendly and invited me to look around. The kitchen was filled with the sights, sounds and smells of food being prepared. I noticed that the day's menu featured fresh Mississippi-pond-grown catfish, one of the best fish to be had. It seemed only fitting that I should sample the filets and decide whether or not our children would do well to eat there.

Upon receiving my plate I recognized the fish filet was truly a filet. They did not serve those little square fish patties made of fish bits and leavings. Those children ate large whole filets with various fresh vegetables and a desert. I remembered the cuisine I was forced to eat when I went to school. Boy, if I think long enough I can still taste some of that army food. Our children are blessed to have real clean surroundings to peacefully sit and eat. The children were orderly and enjoyed their meal eating with the teacher or sitting with other students. No milk cartons and food were flying through the air and the noise level was right for conversation.

I don't know of a better situation to educate children. Our public schools are often filled with violence, noise, dirty buildings and have teachers who either don't care or are overwhelmed by the circumstances. Saints Academy is offering better education, better food...it is just simply better!

MISSIONS

October 6, 1993

Dear Pastor(s):

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. This communique comes to thank you for your support of the International Missions Department down through the years.

Secondly, let me take this means to share some valuable information with you in regards to our International Delegates to the Holy Convocation. The department will again be receiving several of our sisters and brothers from foreign lands. Many of the saints remain in the United States after the Convocation, and, during their stay, doors are opened for them to come and minister in worship services. Please be advised many have various projects underway in their homeland, i.e., schools, day care centers, church buildings, Bible schools, etc., and they will be asking for support. Please feel free to assist in whatever way possible. However, it is vital that all contributions for projects be channeled through the Missions Office. In so doing you can be assured that the money will reach its intended destination.

Many of our sisters and brother can stay in the states for as much as six months, during which time they receive several hundred dollars for projects at home. I want to be sure these funds reach home. When you send your donations to the Department, make your checks and or money orders payable to COGIC Dept. of Missions-Restricted Account. Please indicate on the check or money order, or in a letter, what project the donation is earmarked for. I will see to it personally your contribution reaches its intended destination. Mail your support to the Missions Department - P.O. Box 320 - Memphis, TN 38101.

Please note that this information is only in regards to funds for projects. Any honorariums received for them for preaching, should be given to them personally. If you have any questions concerning this letter do not hesitate to call my office, (901) 578-3816 or (708) 328-3808.

Yours for Missions,
Bishop Carlis L. Moody
President
International Department of Missions

Ain'tcha tired of that Devil!!!

Ain'tcha tired of that Devil, always messin' round; Getting you all discouraged, and trying to bring you down? Making your life just miserable, as best as he can. Taking every step away, to see you fall and not stand.

Ain'tcha tired of that Devil, messin' up your days? Every time you try to excel, old Lucifer gets in the way. Always looking for a soul, to turn in his direction. Trying to deceive the minds of thinking he's the perfection.

Now ain'tcha tired of that Devil, messin' up your time? Interfering with your personal life, almost losing your mind. Jabbing at your conscience, turning you in and out; Wanting a heart to lose faith and weigh on hindering doubt.

Ain'tcha tired of that Devil, messin' with your friends; Rejecting all the righteous things, waging themselves in sin? Capturing on their thoughts, and changing them to pride. Seeking pleasure in worldly things, instead of God up high.

So ain'tcha tired of that Devil, messin' with the truth? His effort is to destroy the best, performing spiritual abuse. Just as lying and deceitful, as he can ever be. Darkening and blinding a person's path, preventing them not to see.

Well, I am tired of that Devil, for He ain't never up to no good!

His job is to entice evilness, doing it better than anybody could.

So you better watch out and be on your guard and hold on all the way through.

Because the Devil is a 24-7 prowling, and he wants the souls of me and you!

By
April Burns



DOCUMENTING RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY IN NONRELIGIOUS REPOSITORIES

BY

SHERRY SHERROD DUPREE



Brother and Sister Dupree.

In 1981, when I was a reference librarian at the University of Florida, the lack of adequate African-American primary resources provoked me to initiate the National African-American Pentecostal Project. Subsequently, I have collected a vast store of records, including obituaries, photographs, scrapbooks, souvenir booklets, books, and newspaper clippings.

While collecting this material, I learned four things: First, private individuals possess scores of records pertaining to the lives and experiences of black Pentecostals; Second, many black and white Pentecostals are willing and eager to contribute their records if they are approached diplomatically; Third, many black Pentecostals, especially older members, have a strong sense of history and feel the pain of having been omitted from historical scholarship; And fourth, since I have returned some of these records to their owners, there is a need to permanently preserve the records of black Pentecostals.

PLAN OF WORK

The project unfolded over six years. During 1981 and 1982, I concentrated on the initial planning. During 1982 and 1983, I surveyed records. In 1983 and 1984, I actually began to collect records. I continued collecting records from 1984 to 1986 and began an annotated bibliography. In 1986-87 the annotated bibliography was completed and all items gathered and deposited at The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The holdings were microfilmed by The Bell & Howell Company to allow researchers to borrow the documents without having to visit the Library of Congress.

Inasmuch as the project's success has depended on the groundwork laid during the earlier years, I discussed here the collecting of records. The data collection strategies were specifically designed with the nature of the project in mind. A concise summary of the black Pentecostal movement in the United States is helpful in setting the stage for the discussion of my collection methods.

HOLINESS-PENTECOSTAL DENOMINATIONS

The African-American congregations of Pentecostal denominations are among the largest, if not the largest of all minority churches in the world. The largest predominantly black Pentecostal denomination is the Church Of God In Christ; 3,709,661 members were reported in 1982. This is more than double the largest white Pentecostal denomination, the Assemblies of God, where 1,788,394 members were reported in 1981. The Assemblies of God has traditionally served as the historians' Pentecostal archetype. Yet the

Church Of God In Christ, which is the second-largest black denomination in the United States, is larger than all the predominantly white Pentecostal denominations combined. For this reason my research efforts have focused primarily on the Church Of God In Christ.

The Holiness-Pentecostal movement is a direct outgrowth of Wesley doctrine. John Wesley believed that to be saved from sin was not enough. In addition, one must be sanctified. He also believed that one must establish a close relationship with God. Before 1906, sanctification was accepted by many people in the United States. Several revivals were held during which there was an unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps the best known of these is the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles, which started in April of 1906. This marked the birth of the modern-day Pentecostal movement in the United States. It reflected a seeking of the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit and a closer connection with God; people spoke in tongues, and many were healed. Speaking in tongues was regarded as the initial sign of the baptism in the spirit. Other charismatic gifts such as prophecy and healing were also taken as signs. The movement was headed by a black minister, Bishop William J. Seymour. In the early 1900's, many Pentecostal churches were integrated, but in time the denominations separated into white and black bodies. Some of the barriers that separated Pentecostals were cultural attitudes, doctrines and beliefs, and financial expenditures. Black Pentecostalism as a separate entity resulted from the prejudice and systematic segregation in the general Pentecostal movement. However, a few integrated denominations do function today.

DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES AMONG PENTECOSTALS

It is difficult to discuss the Pentecostal movement as one body because of the doctrinal differences that exist among the groups. Many serious problems have been caused by doctrinal differences since the Azusa Street Revival. These various doctrines are defined so that readers can understand the three main groups.

Oneness: the "Jesus only" Group. This group denies the trinity of persons in the god-head. It maintains that God is a threefold being - - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—But only one person, and that one person is Jesus. This teaching began in 1913 through the ministries of Frank Ewart and G. A. Cook.

Two works of grace: the "second work of grace" group. This group claims there is an experience subsequent to forgiveness of sin in which the believer is "sanctified wholly." This teaching began about 1910 and was led mainly by Pastor Durham of Chicago.

Trinitarian: the "trinity" group. This faction believes in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three individual beings.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE GATHERED MATERIALS

I conducted a specialized archival search dealing with general black church materials, particularly the materials concerning the Holiness and/or Pentecostal denominations. These materials are rare and were difficult to locate. They include church histories, unpublished dissertations, church yearbooks, newspaper articles, magazine articles, pamphlets, diaries, pictures, scrapbooks, cassette tapes, and other forms of media. Many of these materials were printed in short runs using poor methods of duplication. The quality of paper and the professional quality of the printing were not always the best for endurance of the documents. As a result, many of the materials have been damaged. Many of these rare materials have never before been listed in any standard bibliography.

IMPORTANCE OF THE MATERIALS FOR ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

These materials open the way to new research on the African-American Pentecostal movement in the United States, enhance ongoing research, and fill a gap in the humanities. The listed materials are the first comprehensive bibliography on the movement. Graduate students can now write dissertations on this aspect of American culture.

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THE GLORY OF THIS HOUSE



That was the theme and the spiritual emphasis as Faith Chapel Church Of God In Christ in San Diego, California, celebrated the one year anniversary and dedication of their beautiful sanctuary.

The activities began with a free community picnic on Saturday, June 12, followed by an inspiring Sunday afternoon service conducted by Bishop George Dallas McKinney, presiding prelate, Southern California Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

And then none other than "Mr. Bible," Pastor Cleophas Hall, began a week of REVIVAL. Those in the brotherhood who have never heard this "Walking Bible," have missed a treat. In addition to evening evangelistic teaching and preaching, Pastor Hall conducted afternoon sessions devoted to question and answer periods and really intense studies of the word.

"Souls were added to the church and to the kingdom; saints were revived and rededicated."

Souls were added to the church and to the kingdom; saints were revived and rededicated; the glory of the Lord was evident all over the house. Sister Mary Coutee, one of God's "Special" children, walked unassisted for the first time; her mother, Sister Winnie Coutee, testified that Mary slept all night for the first time. God is true to his word. "All things are possible ..."

Street evangelism has been added to the Mens' Weekly Prayer Fellowship, and the teachings on shepherding, church growth, and family cohesion have added a new dimension to the church's focus.

On Saturday, June 19th, Pastor and Mrs. Hall joined the Faith Chapel family and guests in viewing the musical drama, "REMEMBER THE TIME, LEST WE FORGET." They were moved by this portrayal of our history — our African glory, our American slavery, and the church's role in shaping a resurgence of our people's greatness.

Those of you who attended the Diamond Jubilee of the Church Of God In Christ in 1977 will remember this very stirring drama, telling the story of Bishop C.H. Mason's conversion, spiritual baptism and persecution. The play was written and produced by the Pastor of Faith Chapel, Superintendent Roy Dixon. Our Presiding Bishop Ford refers to Pastor Dixon as the "Taco Bell Man." The African portion of the expanded play was written by Reverend Samuel Fosu-Mensah.

In just seven short years, God has brought Faith Chapel from a corporate board room, to a temporary building, to building and occupying this "Glorious House" to the praise and honor of his name. Faith chapel is continuing to grow spiritually and numerically for "the people have a mind to work."

Submitted by
Samuel Fosu-Mensah
and Starrie V. Dixon

DORINDA CLARK-COLE

"You ain't going to leave her the same way you came," vowed National Evangelist Dorinda Clark-Cole, the third oldest daughter of National Music Dept. President, Mattie Moss Clark, and lead alto in the Grammy Award sister duo - The Clark Sisters.

"You better be able to put something in to get something out," she added.

The packed sanctuary at The Ideal Penecostal COGIC wasn't a bit unusual for Mrs. Cole who recently ended three revivals in Atlanta, Ft. Worth, and Houston.

"I love her anointed ministry," stated one gentleman who was thrilled after seeing the power of God use Mrs. Cole.

"She teaches and preaches like it should be: straight from the bible!" he exclaimed.

Dorinda Clark-Cole amazed the audience in showcasing her vocal gift from God. Having performed such Clark Sisters' Anthems such as *I'm Looking For a Miracle* and *Endow me* (which were both composed by young sister "Twinkie" Clark), many saints were encouraged to continually "press toward the mark of the high-calling." Dorinda Clark-Cole, a native of The COGIC, was raised along with sisters - Twinkie, Jacky, Denise and Karen in their fathers' church. Dorinda and her sisters (The Clark Sisters) attended Detroit's Montrose High School along with neighborhood pals The Winans. According to Pastor Marvin Winans, "Both of our families were very close. The Clark Sisters and The Winans were very popular because we'd always be the winners at the local High School Talent Show." He added, "So many times we were often called 'Holyrollers,' - but classmates always respected us because our lights were always shining. And our singing was an inspiration to everyone at our High School."

In 1993, The Clark Sisters gained national attention with their smash hit, "You Brought The Sunshine" and currently is working on an upcoming album release with BeBe Winans. However, the entire Winans family is enjoying much success in high record sales and continues to minister at sold-out concerts all across the country. Both families have indeed "come a long way" but give ALL recognition and praise to GOD "from whence they came!"

MAKING AN IMPACT!

Making an Impact! These three words seem to define the nationwide campaign of our Presiding Bishop Louis Henry Ford. As I followed Bishop Ford to the Westside of Chicago, I found him rallying a gathering of leaders from the various Illinois Jurisdictions, to the cause of our soon to be opened school in Lexington. Bus loads of the Saints from Illinois will receive police escorts through several states to attend "Illinois Day", which will convene September 10th. This will commemorate the organization of the Churches Of God In Christ in Illinois by the late Bishop William Roberts. Bishop Ford's motivational attitude set the tone for what would be an exciting and faith-building moment in many lives.

The meeting adjourned and we entered the sanctuary where the convocation for the 6th Jurisdiction of Illinois was being held under the leadership of Bishop William Haven Bonner and Mother Nancy Lewis. The evening message, delivered by our Presiding Bishop, urged us not to just believe God for the saving of our youth, but to take them to Jesus for their deliverance. This message given with power and authority, ushered the praise of God into the church.

The Church Of God In Christ is by the grace of God MAKING AN IMPACT! A torch has been lit by the 6th Jurisdiction family on Chicago's Westside. May God let it shine bright for you.

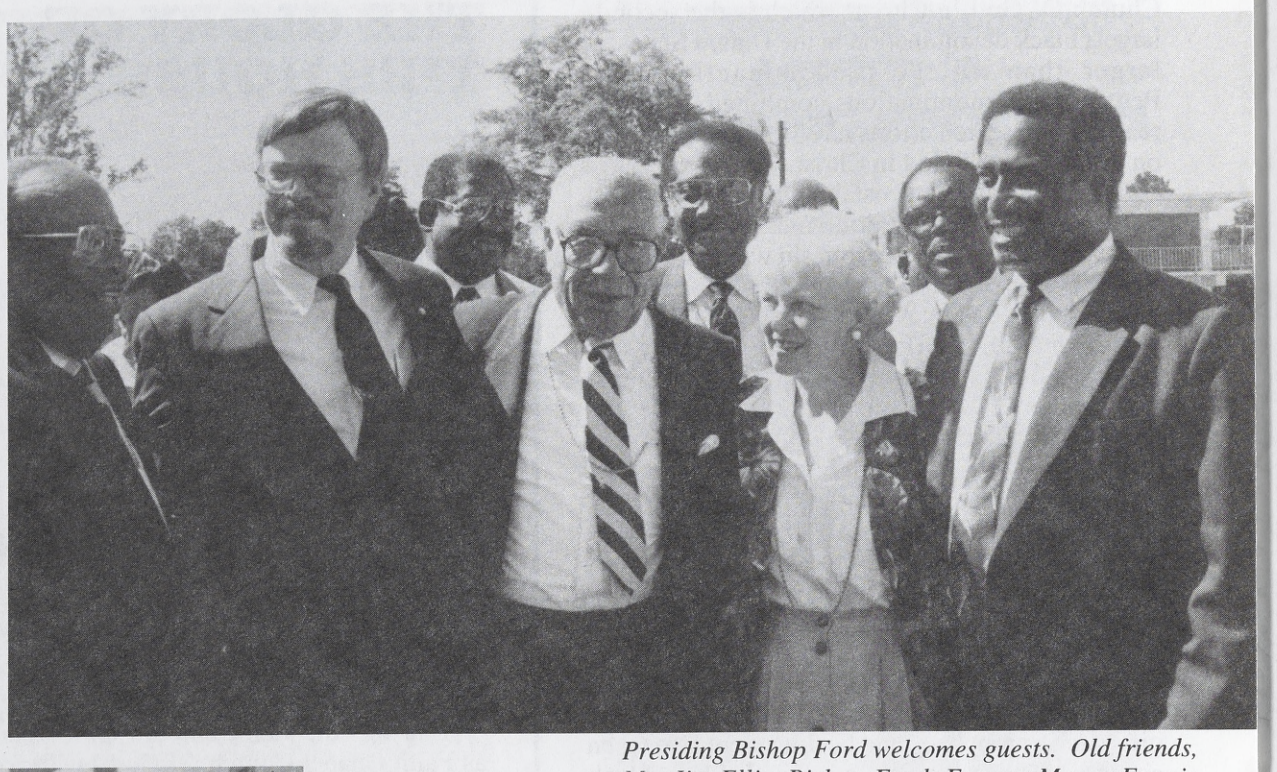
Elder Richard Patterson
Chicago, IL

THE WHOLE TRUTH

A VISIT TO SAINTS



Single file and on to the lunch room.



Presiding Bishop Ford welcomes guests. Old friends, Mr. Jim Ellis, Bishop Ford, Former Mayor Fannie Cothran and Mr. Raldothan Hart.



Bishop Ford instructs the class.



Bishop Ford announced the presence of the first student of Saints Academy, Mother Margaret Walton and one of the last graduates, Sister Earline Hart, now Country Circuit Clerk.



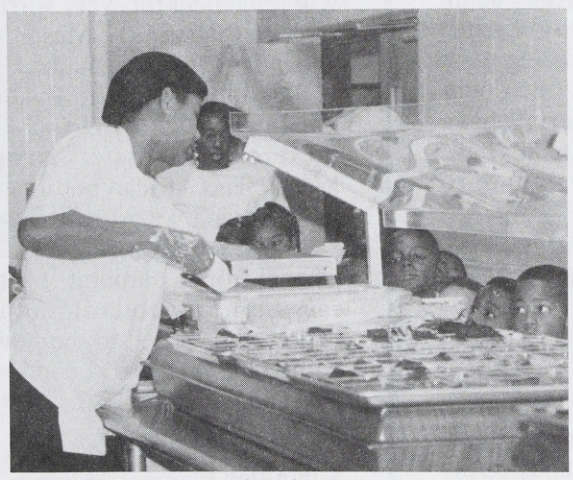
Elder Paul Jackson prepared music class to sing.



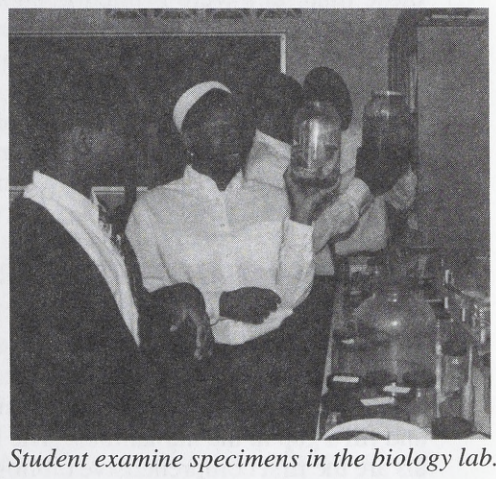
The visitors went on a room by room tour. The teachers and students received them warmly.



Fifth graders concentrate on work.



Good food and fun at lunch time.



Student examine specimens in the biology lab.

EXPOSING ISLAM ELDER SAMMY IS THE MAN!

A new ministry has been formed by a member of the Faith Chapel Church Of God In Christ in San Diego. Faith Chapel is pastored by Elder Roy Dixon. Bishop George Dallas McKinney is the Jurisdictional Prelate.

The founder of this ministry is Elder Samuel Fosu-Mensah, an ex-Muslim and a Ghanaian by birth.

The propose of this ministry is to expose Islam, and equip the church with the tools to be able to witness to Muslims effectively.

At the moment Islam is growing at the rate of 20 million a year. By the year 2000, one out of every three people on earth will be a Muslim if aggressive evangelism is not done among them. Here is where Elder Sammy and his Vision Ministry comes in.

Since forming this ministry in March this year, Elder Sammy has spoken in more than twenty churches and had conducted city wide seminars in Riverside and San Diego, California.

Elder Sammy is an authority on Islam, his qualifications confirm that. He has a diploma in Pastoral Ministry from Ghana, Bachelor of Theology from England, M.A. in Christian Ministry from Church Of God School of Theology in Cleveland, Tennessee. He has done further studies at Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido an is currently enrolled at California graduate school of Theology for his PhD. He is a free-lance writer with San Diego Christian Writers Guild and Active in his local church as an Elder.

Inspite of his education, Elder Sammy is a very down-to-earth fellow with a great sense of humor and scholarship. He has spoken before many jurisdictions, districts and local churches on the subjects relating to Islam, History, Theology, and Evangelism.

Dear Editor...

I am writing to tell you about a terrible injustice done to me. Three years ago I moved from Hartford, CT to town about four miles away. It seems that the citizens here are not very receptive to newcomers readily, especially if you are of another race. Two years after I moved here I became aware that different people followed me around town and probably had been doing so for quite a while before I realized it. One day someone followed me into the pharmacy where my prescriptions for high blood pressure and high cholesterol medication were being filled. It seemed that they were disappointed that they could not catch me doing something wrong. Later, my picture was posted stating that I was suspected of selling my prescription drugs.

One thing is sure, God knows that this is not true. I am a saved, Holy Ghost filled, 69 year old saint.

I am sharing this so that others may know that the devil is accusing the saints just like the scriptures said he would. I have been threatened by trucks and cars nearly missing me. They may kill me but thanks to God they can't kill my soul.

Sister Bettie Jackson

Editor Answers Back

Dear Mother Jackson,

It is unfortunate that you have been singled out for such ugly treatment. Certainly, the good citizens of that community are unaware of your plight. If you have been unjustly accused of stealing and your picture posted, then you must sue. Money is not an object when there are groups like the NAACP, ACLU and other anti-defamation leagues.

Your dignity has been challenged and damaged by the larger public. Don't simply take this abuse. Of course, it is your decision whether you sue, and should be prayerfully made by you alone. I would advise you to at least investigate the legal recourses available to you and address this problem with strength and conviction. Remember, saints have rights and these are guaranteed by the constitution.

IDAHO'S 50TH HOLY CONVOCATION

The 50th annual Holy Convocation of the Church Of God In Christ blasted off with great power and Holy Ghost fire in Boise, Idaho, July 22, and continued through July 24, 1993, with flames still burning after its conclusion.

The convocation was professionally planned and conducted under the spiritual leadership of Elder George Foster, Jr. Assisting Elder Foster in several aspects of his labor were ministers, pastors, lay-members, the State Mother and a guest Bishop. Elder George Foster and Mother Bowens pre-arranged programming and transportation for most of the attendants of this meeting. Sister Anna Forbes-Neal of Powerhouse Temple COGIC-Portland, Oregon, coordinated commutations from Oregon.

Approximately 40 excitable first-class flight passengers arrived from Portland at the Boise Airport on the first day of this convocation to join in this jubilistic celebration of such grand occasion. Other passengers arrived later. Among those coming from Portland were Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith and Pastor Lou Franks, both speakers during this convocation.

Topics the speakers addressed centered around the major theme of the convocation "Celebrating the Past Launching the Future." The speakers were all tremendous, well-educated and spiritually motivated. Other speakers besides Pastor Smith and Pastor Franks spoke on the Women's Day Topic: "We Need Power." Those speakers included Missionary Alberta Foster, Missionary Ruth Maddox, Missionary Euranius Patterson and Missionary Minnie Ray. The greatest of all speakers on that day, God, Himself, spoke to us through prophecy and interpretation. The final message was brought on Saturday by Bishop M. Givens. Other pastors participating in the convocation included Elder Donald Patterson and host Pastor Elder Alfred Bowens, husband of State Mother, Maegratis Bowens.

We thank all the participants and especially the Oregonians who purchased round-trip airline tickets just for this special occasion. We offer special thanks to Elder George Foster and his family for having endured with patience, generosity and hospitality, and without whom, this convocation would not have been the great success it was.

Thanks be to God for showering down such an anointing, dynamic explosion of the Holy Ghost as fell among us!

Amen!
Pastor Lou Franks

ALABAMA, FIRST JURISDICTION



Amber Charisse Ellison is an 11 year old member of Harris Temple Church Of God In Christ of Elba, Alabama. She is Pastored by Elder William Keith Ellison (her father), and Bishop O. L. Meadows is the Jurisdictional Prelate.

God blessed and endowed her with the wisdom to become a 1st place spelling bee winner in her category this year at the International Sunday School Convention in Atlanta, GA. She had already placed 3rd & 2nd in a state participation, and with that she signed up, studied for, and then had the courage to enter the national spelling bee of the Church Of God In Christ.

Just a month later, she was crowned Little Miss Sunshine Band of Alabama, First Jurisdiction, during the State Sunshine Band Workshop that was held in Huntsville, Ala. under the direction of our State Sunshine Band Leader, Sister Pearl Harris.

We say hat's off to you, Amber, and your parents, Elder William Keith and Sonia Ellison and Big Sister, Joi, who have given you such great guidance.

God Bless you and we pray for you, that you accept and conquer greater challenges in life and be all that you can be for the Lord.

A SALUTE TO HOMEWOOD-BRUSHTON'S OLDEST SENIOR ELDER OSCAR TIMOTHY TILLMAN



Homewood-Brushton Community Improvement Association is paying tribute to Homewood-Brushton's oldest senior, 102 year old Reverend Oscar Timothy "O.T." Tillman of the Refuge Church Of God In Christ in Lawrenceville. Rev. Tillman was born in White Springs, Florida in 1890 to Allen and Edith Tillman. At the age of 24 he married Zeporah Allen and during his life fathered 12 children, farmed, dug ditches, and rolled cigarettes to support his family. In 1921, Rev. Tillman began his crusade in Christ and in 1923 this journey lead him to Pittsburgh. He was ordained in 1926. He built his first church, Morningside Church Of God In Christ. In 1955, he retired from Westinghouse Electric Company's East Pittsburgh Plant after 33 years of service. After his wife of 69 years passed away, Rev. Tillman married one of his parishioners, the former Johnnie Mae Fullum, in 1984. He was 94 years old. Rev. Tillman's call to preach has lasted to this day and he has been spreading the word for over 60 years. He still preaches every first and third Sunday at his Lawrenceville church.

A DAY AT SAINTS

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cial music for the visit. The Academy Choir sang the school song with a newly added stanza. The stanza was a tribute to Bishop Ford. The moment was a heart rending event that brought tears to the eyes to those listening. After the gathering in the beautifully restored Faith Hall, the group, along with the entire student body and faculty, ventured up Holy Hill and posed for a massive picture. The historic photo will appear in this year's Holy Convocation's souvenir booklet. It was a hot September day and the only problem encountered was getting little boys to stand still for the photo, which was accomplished without much difficulty.

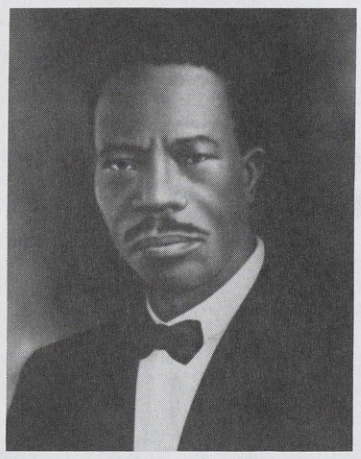
The Church at large should know the names of the fine persons who committed themselves to the reopening of Saints Academy. These are historic times and history should record the contributions of such wonderful and dedicated individuals. The following list gives the names and position of each faculty and staff persons:

Elder William Dean.....President
Mr. Horace Glover.....Principal
Miss Jeanette Brown.....Secretary
Mrs. Patsie Williams.....Kindergarten
Mrs. Carrie Watson.....First & Second Grades
Mrs. Betty Spight.....Third & Fourth Grades
Miss Gail Horton.....Fifth Grade
Mrs. Mary Brooks.....Sixth Grade
Miss. Julia Travis .....Sixth Grade Teacher's Assistant
Miss Winnie Noel.....Fifth Grade Teacher's Assistant
Mrs. Betty Brown.....Library Clerk
Miss Loretta Johnson .....Dorm Matron/Food Service
Mrs. Rosie Studway.....Cook
Mrs. Doris Greer.....Cook
Elder Paul Jackson....Dorm Counselor/Choir Director
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Mr. J.C. Garnett .....Grounds/Custodial

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DOCUMENTING RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY

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Patterns of church location, especially the establishment of city churches in storefronts, can be researched. Rural church life can be explored and its style of worship analyzed. These materials have been assembled and preserved, and are now easily, available to all interested people. These materials are also valuable because they serve to:

1. Help us keep pace with progress in the African American religious fields of knowledge
2. Enhance creative and spiritual development
3. Enhance the appreciation and enjoyment of African-American literature and music
4. Further knowledge of African-Americans as an ethnic group
5. Encourage more research in related fields in colleges and/or graduate schools
6. Encourage knowledge of the community habits, scope, and interests of African-American Pentecostals
7. Enlighten us about community growth patterns, black churches' needs, civic interests, and problems of public and/or religious concern
8. Stimulate discussions in action groups, such as civil rights organizations, senior citizens' groups, and neighborhood clubs
9. Facilitate understanding of the health and welfare of the African-American Pentecostals
10. Support the inclusion of more black Pentecostal churches in published church directories
11. Encourage repositories to subscribe to church newspapers, especially local and regional ones, which give details of meetings, projects, and new ideas concerning the African-American Pentecostal movement
12. Support the inclusion of African-American Pentecostal materials in all history books

MISSION HAITI

The Church Of God In Christ has a dynamic mission to the beleaguered isle of Haiti. The recent news reports indicate the fine people of Haiti are going through the thralls of social and political upheaval. The government is in a state of disarray and honest persons are struggling to preserve the national dignity.

Many may be unaware that our Church has been active in Haiti for over fifty years. The jurisdiction of Haiti is 125 congregations strong and is led effectively by Bishop Lopez Dautruche. The supervisor of women for Haiti is Mother Irene Oakley. Mother Oakley leads a team dedicated to providing support in the form of tangible housing, education and social services. It was for this these purposes *The Whole Truth* ventured to Haiti and found a very interesting story.

On this recent trip Mother Oakley was assisted by Elder Burnett Thoroughgood, Evangelist Maria Garner, Evangelist Wilma Taylor, Elder and Mrs. Peter Wren, members of their congregation and Brother Kent Poindexter. This group of saints witnessed first hand the social upheaval in Haiti but saw it against the backdrop of the COGIC mission. The Church Of God In Christ mission is certainly providing the gospel message but also feeding the hungry, housing the homeless and educating the unlearned. The Mission Department headed by Bishop C. L. Moody is doing the will of God in Haiti and in fifty one other countries.

In a coming edition *The Whole Truth* will present a story relating the mission to Haiti. Don't miss the eye witness account of what God is doing through our Church.



Mother Oakley and Evangelists Garner and Taylor pose with the orphaned children.

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